These twenty-five survey parties have been divided into three groups. All the three groups have completed their training and have been deployed for field work in the villages of Sattur, Tiruppathur and Paramakudi taluks of Ramanathapuram district.

A special division called "Rural Engineering Survey Cell" was formed on 6th April 1972 at Madurai to supervise the work of the survey parties and to scrutinise and submit reports on the survey to the higher authorities. The special division has so far submitted six survey reports and nine reports are under preparation.

The survey parties have so far completed Engineering Survey in 47 villages and Agricultural Survey in 17 villages. Twenty villages are under Engineering Survey and thirteen villages are under Agricultural Survey.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF THE TAMIL NADU LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

To

The Hon. the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly,
Madras.

The Committee on Rules has the honour to make the following report of the recommendations of the Committee on Rules.

2. The Committee nominated by the Hon. Deputy Speaker for the year 1973–74 met on 2nd and 3rd July 1973 in the Legislature Committee Room (formerly Members ' Lounge Room), Fort St. George, Madras and considered the amendments to certain rules suggested by the Legislative Assembly Secretariat and by Thiruvalargal K. T. K. Thangamani, N. Dennis and D.S.A. Sivaprakasam.

3. The important amendments recommended by the Committee are as follows :—

Rule 2

Sub-rule (*e*) of rule 2, as it now stands empowers the Finance Minister to delegate his functions to any other Minister. But, in practice such delegation of power is not being made. Hence the sub-rule has been recast suitably.

Sub-rule (*n*) defines the term "precincts of the House". The Committee has decided to include 'lobbies' also in the above definition and also to define the word "Lobbies".

Sub-rule (*n*) has accordingly been amended and a new definition for the word "Lobbies" added in sub-rule (*jj*).

Rule 4

This rule deals with the election of Speaker. The rule as it stands does not prescribe the procedure to be adopted when only two candidates have been nominated. A new sub-rule (8) incorporating the procedure to be adopted in such circumstances has been added to Rule 4.

Provision has also been made to prohibit a member (i) to propose or to second his own name ; and (ii) to propose or second in more than one nomination paper.

Rule 9

This rule relates to the discussion on the Governor's Address. Under sub-clause (2) of Article 176 of the Constitution, discussion on the Governor's Address made under clause (1) of the said Article is mandatory whereas it is not so in the case of the Address by Governor under Article 175 of the Constitution.

Hence, suitable amendment has been made to sub-rule (1) of Rule 9 making it applicable to the address under Article 176.

New Rule 11-A

Provision has also been made for the Speaker to allot time for discussion of the matters referred to in the Governor's Address made under Article 175 (1) of the Constitution.

Rule 13

At present all questions lapse on prorogation of a session. The Committee decided that notice of questions and questions which were pending should not lapse on prorogation of a session. The rule has been suitably amended.

Rule 16

Rule 16 confers on the Speaker the power to adjourn the House. If the adjournment of the House is made against the will of the majority and against the rules of procedure there is no provision in the Rules at present to make the adjournment of the House infructuous. Hence, it was considered that specific provisions were necessary for continuance of the sittings for transaction of the business of the House already listed in the Agenda A revised procedure for adjournment of the House has, therefore, been laid down in rule 16 on the lines of the recommendations made by the Committee of Presiding Officers at its meeting held in New Delhi in 1968.

Rule 34.

The Committee felt that provision should be made for inclusion of questions in the list on the 42nd day at the latest after its admission by the Speaker irrespective of whether the answer to the question was received or not.

Rule 34 has, therefore, been amended suitably.

Rule 41

At present, a Minister may make a statement under Rule 41 of the Assembly Rules, on a matter of urgent public importance, when a member who has given notice of the same raises the matter

in the House. If for any reason, that particular member happens to be absent in the House at the time the notice is about to be taken up, the Minister could not make the statement on that day.

Provision has, therefore, been made to enable the Hon. Speaker to direct that the statement on the matter be made at the request of any other member.

Rules 52 *to* 54

Rules 52 to 54 relate to the procedure for the removal of Speaker or Deputy Speaker. The rules have been amended to the effect that the motion for leave to move the resolution shall be entered in the list of business on the day of the meeting immediately after the prescribed period of notice and that it shall be taken up for consideration immediately after Question Hour. Provision has also been made to elect any other person to preside over the Assembly and conduct the business in case of non-compliance with the provisions of rules 53 and 54.

Rule 88

At present copies of Bills are not circulated to members at the time of introduction. The Committee has decided that copies of Bills should be circulated at the time of introduction in view of the fact that under rule 92, even a motion for leave to introduce a Bill can be opposed.

The rule has been amended accordingly.

New Rules 142-*B and* 142-*D*

At present there is no provision in the Rules in regard to the procedure to be adopted for ratification of Constitution Amendment Bills. Provision has, therefore, been made in this regard.

Rules 200–212

On the recommendation of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation, the Committee has decided to substitute the expression " Committee on Delegated Legislation " for the expression " Committee on Subordinate Legislation ". The rules have been amended accordingly.

New Rules 182-*A to* 182-*H*

The new rules deal with the constitution, functions and conduct of business of the Committee o nPublic Undertakings.

The relevant rules as in force and the Rules as revised by the Committee are shown in Annexure. @

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